Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Fred H. Breukelman was born on February 15, 1905, and has been a lifelong resident of the community of Corsica, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Fred and his wife, Ann, owned and published *The Corsica Globe* for 48 years until their retirement in 1977; and,

Whereas, Fred has written a weekly column for *The Corsica Globe* since 1929 and continues to do so, with research showing that Fred is one of the longest-running newspaper columnists in America, and this feat has attracted national attention in the newspaper industry; and,

Whereas, Fred served as town clerk for many years, was a volunteer fireman, promoted the development of Corsica Lake, and served in many other civic and church endeavors in the community, he has become an integral part of Corsica's 100-year history; and,

Whereas, Fred served as president of the South Dakota Newspaper Association in 1947, and his involvement in the newspaper industry throughout the state brought him the distinction of induction into the South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1987; and,

Whereas, Fred will observe his 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 15, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State